Foodgrains Production Target

250. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the target of foodgrains production fixed for the current financial year;

(b) whether the target is expected to be fulfilled; and

(c) whether there are prospects of the above target being exceeded and imports of foodgrains stopped altogether in view of the good seasonal rains the country got in the recent months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The target of foodgrains production for 1988-89 is 166.57 million tonnes.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Favourable weather conditions will help in maximising foodgrain production. The Government is keeping a close watch on the food situation in the country and keeps open the option to import the foodgrains as and when considered necessary.

Body for providing speedy relief for Natural Calamities

251. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any permanent body functioning in the country to provide speedy relief to the people in different parts of the country when natural disasters like floods, famines, etc. occur; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, whether Government contemplate to set up such a body with adequate funds to tackle natural disaster?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) It is the responsibility of the State Government concerned to provide necessary relief to the natural calamity affected people in their State. All the State governments have been allocated annual margin money for the purpose in case the States incur an expenditure over and above the margin money, they can submit memoranda seeking central assistance for this purpose. The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation in the Centre acts as a nodal authority in the matter of providing speedy Central assistance to the natural calamity affected people.

Implementation of Anti-Poverty Programmes in Orissa

252. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various major anti-poverty programmes under implementation in Orissa;

(b) whether they are meant for the upliftment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(c) if so, the number of SC & ST families benefited under these programmes during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI) (a) and (b) Major anti-poverty programmes under implementation for socio-economic development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes taken up in Orissa are—

1. Integrated Rural Development Programme;

2. Economic Rehabilitation of Rural Poor;

3. Assistance to Small & Marginal Farmers;

4. Release and Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers;

5. Integrated Tribal Development Agenciess' Programmes;

6. Modified Area Development Approach (MADA) Programmes;

7. Sectoral Programmes such as Fisheries, Sericulture, Animal Husbandry, etc.

8. Composite land based Agricultural Schemes and Irrigation Schemes.

9. Horticulture Schemes.

10. Cottage & Small Industries Programmes;

11. Small and Petty business;

12. Micro Projects for Primitive Tribes;

13. Dispersed Tribal Development Programmes:

14. Prevention of shifting cultivation; and

15. Redemption of small loans of Tribal defaulters.

(c) The number of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe families assisted during the last three years is as follows:—

Year	No. of SC Families	No. of ST Families
1985-86	*78,658*	*1,13,299*
1986-87	1,03,511	1,43,000
1987-88	96,230	1,27,816

Expansion of Doordarshan and AIR Network in Orissa

253. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps for the expansion of Doordarshan and AIR Network in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken in this regard dring 1988-89;

(c) the reasons of the delay in th setting up AIR and Doordarsh Centre in Phulabani district Orissa

(d) whether Doordarshan and AI Stations are likely to be set up i in Phulabani district by the end c the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION ANI BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L BHAGAT). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Seventh Plan of All India Radio includes schemes to set up new Radio Stations at Bhawanipatna, Berhampur, Rourkela, Baripada and Bolangir. Besides, the power of existing 20 KW MW tran mitter at Jeypore is being upgraded to 100 KW, MW. All these schemes are at different stages of implementation. By March, 1989, the Radio Station at Baripada is expected to be ready for Commissioning. The local radio station at Keonjhar is complete in all respects and is ready for commissioning.

As regards Doordarshan the Low Power TV transmitters at Bhawanipatna, Baripada Jeypore and Sudergarh have been commissioned during the first three years of the VII Plan. A Studio Centre at Bhubaneswar, high power TV transmitter at Bhawanipatna in replacement of the existing low power transmitter and low power trasmitters at Baleshwar, Keonjhargarh, Phulbani, Bolangir and Bhanjanagar are at different stages of implementation. While installation of the low power transmitter at Baleshwar has been completed and transmitter is envisaged to be commissioned into service soon. TV transmitters at Keonjhargarh Phulbani and Bolagir are envisaged to be commissioned during 1988-89.

(c) There is no scheme in the Seventh Plan of All India Radio for setting up of a Radio Station at Phulbani. However, VII Plan of Doordarshan includes establishment of a large number of TV centres and these are being implemented in a phased manner, depending on availability